

# Arkansas

## Milk Production Report



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This report contains the results from the quarterly *Milk Production Report*. The data are also posted on our Web site at the Internet address above, and for more detailed U.S. statistics, visit <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire and/or interview for this survey.

### First Quarter Milk Production Down 10 Percent

Arkansas milk production during the January-March 2008 quarter was 55 million pounds, down 10 percent from the same period in 2007, but up 10 percent from the October-December 2007 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 16,500 head, 1,500 head fewer than the same period last year, and 500 head fewer than the previous quarter. Nationally, the number of milk cows and milk production continued to increase from the previous year.

### Quarterly Milk Cows and Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2006-2008

Item/Period	Arkansas				United States			
	2006	2007	2008	% Change from '07	2006	2007	2008	% Change from '07
<b>Milk Cows<sup>1</sup></b>	Thousand Head				Thousand Head			
1st Quarter, January-March	20	18.0	16.5	- 8	9,091	9,138	9,250	+ 1
2nd Quarter, April-June	20	17.5			9,128	9,138		
3rd Quarter, July-September	19	17.0			9,113	9,159		
4th Quarter, October-December	19	17.0			9,116	9,198		
<b>Milk Production<sup>2</sup></b>	Million Pounds				Million Pounds			
1st Quarter, January-March	69	61	55	- 10	45,550	46,058	47,552	+ 3
2nd Quarter, April-June	71	60			46,936	47,419		
3rd Quarter, July-September	58	49			44,691	46,110		
4th Quarter, October-December	60	50			44,619	46,015		

<sup>1</sup> Average number includes dry cows; excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk nursed by calves.

### Milk Production, Arkansas and U.S., January-March, 1999-2008

